

hereby wish him continued success in his retirement.

INTRODUCTION OF TWO CORPORATE CRIME BILLS

HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, today, I am introducing two bills to help hold accountable corporations who market dangerous products and who violate the law. We rely on corporations to provide necessary goods and services to consumers and to provide jobs for our citizens. Unfortunately, sometimes corporations engage in acts that may harm us or that otherwise run afoul of the law. That is why I am introducing these measures.

The Dangerous Products Warning Act concerns businesses who learn that products they are marketing are dangerous but who do not inform the appropriate federal agency or warn the public.

It amends the federal criminal code to impose a fine and/or prison term of up to 5 years on any business entity or product supervisor with respect to a product or business practice who knows of a serious danger associated with such product or business practice and knowingly fails within 15 days after discovering such danger to inform an appropriate federal agency in writing, warn affected employees in writing, and inform other affected individuals. The bill imposes a fine and/or prison term of up to 1 year on any individual who intentionally discriminates against an employee who informs a federal agency or warns employees of a serious danger associated with a product or business practice.

The Corporate Crime Database Act deals with the concern that the public has inadequate means of learning about the degree to which companies are engaging in acts in violation of the law, and sets up a mechanism to track such violations and make the information available to the public.

The bill directs the Attorney General to: (1) acquire data, for each calendar year, regarding all administrative, civil, and criminal judicial proceedings against any corporation or corporate official involving a felony or misdemeanor or civil charge where potential fines may be \$1,000 or more; (2) establish and maintain a publicly available website on improper conduct by all corporations with annual revenues of more than \$1 billion; and (3) prepare an annual report to Congress detailing the number of civil, administrative, and criminal enforcement actions brought against any corporation or corporate official and the final dispositions of such actions.

With the enactment of these two bills, we would take important steps toward protecting our citizens from harm and empowering them to know which corporations are violating our laws.

TRIBUTE TO MAJOR JACOB "JAKE" A. WHITESIDE FOR EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE TO THE UNITED STATES ARMY

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKEY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. VISCLOSKEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Major Jacob "Jake" A. Whiteside for his dedication to duty and service as a Defense Legislative Fellow. Major Whiteside will be transitioning from his present assignment with my office to serve as the Executive Officer for the 12th Aviation Battalion, United States Army.

A native of Memphis, Tennessee, Major Whiteside was accepted into the Carson-Newman University Reserve Officer Training Corps program in 1999, where he earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree in English Literature and graduated as a Distinguished Military Graduate with the class of 2003. Upon graduation, Jake was commissioned as an Army Aviation Branch Officer. He has subsequently earned a Master's degree in Legislative Affairs from the George Washington University.

Prior to entering the Army Congressional Fellowship Program, Jake served in numerous tactical leadership and staff assignments as an Army Aviation Branch Officer, and Scout/Attack OH-58 helicopter Pilot. Major Whiteside's assignments include Flight School Student, United States Army Aviation Center of Excellence, Fort Rucker; Flight Platoon Leader, 1st Battalion (Attack), 82nd Combat Aviation Brigade, Fort Bragg; Future Operations and Current Operations Officer, 1st Squadron, 17th CAV, Fort Bragg; Headquarters Troop Commander, 1st Squadron, 17th CAV, Fort Bragg; Student, Army Aviation Captain's Career Course, Army Aviation Center of Excellence, Fort Rucker; and most recently Aviation Branch Representative, United States Military Academy, West Point. Additionally, Major Whiteside was deployed in direct support of combat operations in Mosul, Iraq, in 2006–2007, and Regional Command—South, Afghanistan, in 2009–2010. While deployed, Jake accumulated over 500 hours of combat flight time in direct support of soldiers in the fight.

Throughout his career, Major Whiteside has positively impacted his soldiers, peers, and superiors. Our country has been enriched by his extraordinary leadership, thoughtful judgment, and exemplary work.

As a personal matter, in his role as Defense Legislative Fellow, Jake provided me with candid advice and became a trusted source of counsel to me, my personal staff, and committee staff. Blessed with a sterling intellect and nimble mind, he vigorously and effectively addressed any challenging task placed before him. Further, his incomparable work ethic, poise under pressure, and generosity will be sorely missed. To put it simply, Major Whiteside's performance has set a standard on which I will evaluate all future Congressional Fellows.

Mr. Speaker, it has been a genuine pleasure to have worked with Major Jake Whiteside over the last year. On behalf of a grateful nation, I join my colleagues today in recognizing and commending Jake for his service to his country and we wish him, his wife Marci, and

boys, Bryce and Gavin, all the best as they continue their journey in the United States Army.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 100TH BIRTHDAY OF MERCY HIGH SCHOOL BURLINGAME'S KOHL MANSION

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. SPEIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the Centennial of Mercy High School Burlingame's Kohl Mansion, an historic and beautiful building with deep meaning for the community and for me personally. As an alumna of Mercy High and the mother of a daughter who also graduated from this outstanding school, this institution has shaped my life.

Today, Mercy High School Burlingame, a Catholic college preparatory high school, educates 400 young women a year, with the majority coming from San Mateo County. About three quarters of the students are Roman Catholic and 90 percent of the students are engaged in at least one extra-curricular activity. Mercy encourages students to discover themselves and explore their dreams; they receive an education of mind, body and spirit. This recipe and small class sizes prove to be highly successful. In the class of 2014, 87 percent matriculated to four year colleges and 13 percent matriculated to community colleges.

Mercy education finds its origins in Ireland in the ministry of Catherine McAuley, the foundress of the Sisters of Mercy. Their work is marked by a special concern for the needs of the poor, in particular women and children. This tradition continues to this day.

The Kohl Mansion was originally built from 1912 to 1914 by Charles Frederick "Freddie" Kohl for his wife Bessie. Kohl, born in San Jose in 1863, grew up in a mansion on an estate in San Mateo, now known as Central Park. His father had made a fortune as the founder of Alaska Commercial Company and so Kohl Junior was used to an opulent lifestyle. Freddie and Bessie's travels to Europe further inspired them to build the lavish four-story Tudor named "The Oaks."

In 1924, the Sisters of Mercy bought the house and turned it into a chapel. When the sisters moved down the hill to a new building, Principal Sister Mary Lorenzo Murphy and seven other nuns opened Mercy High School in the mansion in 1931, admitting 36 freshmen and sophomores.

The old Kohl Mansion has embraced technology and modern facilities. Mercy launched its website in 1999. Over the decades, a state-of-the-art athletic center with an Olympic size pool, a commercial kitchen, a new cafeteria and a multi-media center were built, among the many improvements. At every step of the way, the focus of the school was to provide its students with the best education and learning environment possible.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to rise with me to honor one of the finest high schools in the country, Mercy High School Burlingame on the occasion of the Kohl Mansion's 100th birthday. May this historic building remain the home of education and learning for centuries to come.